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Vice Chair Brandon Creighton

Senate Special Committee on Congressional

Redistricting

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Dear Chair King and Vice Chair Creighton:

As Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), which represents 42 Hispanic Members of Congress across the nation, I write to express my strong opposition to this mid-decade redistricting effort in Texas—a blatant power grab that undermines democracy and silences Latino voters.

This process is not driven by new census data, voter demand, or policy needs. It is a targeted strategy to shift control of five congressional seats from Democrats to Republicans, aligning with broader efforts to consolidate power.

In Harris County, where Latinos make up nearly 46% of the population, Governor Abbott and his allies slashed the Hispanic Voting Age Population in Texas's 29th District—from 65.5% to 43%. This district, historically created under the Voting Rights Act to ensure Latino representation, is now being gutted to suppress the political power of a growing, vital community.

This is not isolated. Across the state, Republicans are using surgical precision to redraw maps and erode minority voting strength. The goal is not fairness, it's submission—to Trump, to extremism, and to a toxic political agenda that enriches the powerful while working families, children, seniors, and veterans are left behind.

This redistricting scheme would be more at home under a dictatorship than in a functioning democracy. I strongly suggest that the Texas Legislature consider rejecting this disgraceful attempt to cling to power.

I respectfully request that my letter be carefully reviewed and considered in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

Adriano Espaillat Member of Congress

Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus